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REMARKS

The attached PTO 1449 form lists the prior art reference enclosed herewith.

German reference DE 196 26 337 A1 dated 09 January 1997;

German reference DE 33 23 435 C2 dated 03 January 1985;

European reference EP 0 672 983 A1 dated 20 September 1995;

European reference EP 0 829 805 A1 dated 18 March 1998;

European reference EP 0 690 375 A2 dated 03 January 1996;

European reference EP 0 631 229 A2 dated 28 December 1994;

U.S. Patent 5,247,669 issued to Abraham et al on 21 September 1993;

U.S. Patent 5,412,612 issued to Oyama on 02 May 1995; and

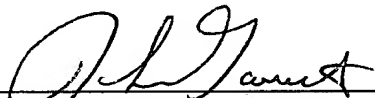
Articles:

The Magazine for Clients/Server Computing, "Datenhaltung Für Gekapselte Systeme (1), Kompakt-DB Für Technische Geräte", (1998), pp. 42-45; and

The Magazine for Clients/Server Computing, "Datenhaltung Für Gekapselte Systeme (2), Datenbank für Echtzeittransaktionen, (1998), pp. 35-38.

The above citation of prior art is not a representation that such art constitutes a complete or exhaustive listing of all pertinent prior art, nor that it necessarily includes the closest or most relevant art. The aforementioned citation comprises a voluntary citation of prior art of which applicant and his attorney are presently aware and is not intended to serve as a substitute for the Examiner's own search.

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